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NDCA dues are required of all chess players residing in ND that play in ND tournaments(not mandatory for ND Scholastic) $7 per year, $5 if under age 18. Dues and material for the December, 1996 Newsletter should be sent to Dale Sailer, 3207 E. Elmwood Dr., Grand Forks, ND 58201.

FARGO AREA CHESS CLUB-The **STARRY KNIGHTS CLUB** meets Thursday nights at 7:00 PM . There are no fees or dues of any kind. Contact: **ART BAYLEY** 239-4985
UND CHESS CLUB-Wednesdays 7:00PM-Memorial Union-Mandan Room-No meetings over XMAS Vacation(12/20-1/15) For info call Dale Sailer at 775-6692.

CHESS TOURNAMENTS

November 16, 1996-FM Scholastic Chess-Park Christian School-Moorhead, MN
November 23-24, 1996-POPEL MEMORIAL-Concordia College-Moorhead, MN
December 7, 1996-Holiday Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux Room) Grand Forks, ND
December 28, 1996-FM Scholastic Chess-Park Christian School-Moorhead, MN
January 18, 1997-Deep Freeze Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux Room) Grand Forks, ND
February 22, 1997-Grand Forks Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux Room) Grand Forks, ND
March 22, 1997-Spring Fever Open-UND Memorial Union(Sioux room) Grand Forks, ND
???????, 1997-ND Scholastic-NO Site found as of this newsletter(Ron Schauer is working on it)
May 17-18, 1997-ND Closed-Best Western Doublewood Inn-Bismarck, ND

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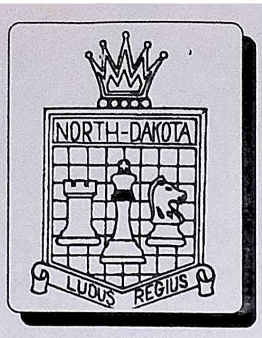

TOURNEY ANOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 16, 1996-Scholastic Tournament at Park Christian School in Moorhead-300 N. 17th St. Register from 9 to 9:45 am. Play begins at 10 am. Grades K-12 (if we find enough 9-12 graders, divided into 4 groups. EF $3.00. Medals to winners in each age group. For info, call Art Bayley at 701-239-4985.

Popel Memorial-November 23-24, 1996 at Concordia College, 901 8th S., Moorhead, MN. 56560. Reg at 9:00 am on Nov. 23rd. Rds on Sat. at 9:30 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm Rds Sun at 12:30 pm and 3:30 pm. Time control 35/1hr sudden death 30min. EF $15 if by 11/20/96. $20 at site. Jr's & Sr's $15 at site. Prize fund per entries. ND state membership req. $7.00 other states ok. USCF membership req.

Holiday Open- Saturday, December 7 at UND, Student Union Building (Sioux Room), Grand Forks, ND. Registration is at 9:30 AM. Rds. are at 10-2-6. EF is $10.00. Time controls are 45/90 & 15/30. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

December 28, 1996-Scholastic Tournament at Park Christian School in Moorhead-300 N. 17th St. Register from 9 to 9:45 am. Play begins at 10 am. Grades K-12 (if we find enough 9-12 graders, divided into 4 groups. Medals to winners in each age group. For info, call Art Bayley at 701-239-4985.

Deep Freeze Open- Saturday, January 18, 1997 at Student Union Bldg, UND, Grand Forks, ND. EF- $10.00. Registration at 9:30 AM. Rds. at 10-2-6. Time Controls are 45/90 & 15/30. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

Grand Forks Open-Saturday, February 22, 1997 at Student Union Bldg, UND, Grand Forks, ND. EF- $10.00. Registration at 9:30 AM. Rds. at 10-2-6. Time Controls are 45/90 & 15/30. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

Spring Fever Open- Saturday, March 22, 1997 at UND, Student Union. EF-$10. Reg at 9:30 AM. Rds. 10-1-4-7. Time controls are G/75 for #1 & #2. G/90 for #3 and G/100 for #4. Sudden death rules apply as stated above. Get some norm points by doing well in this four round tourney. John Allensworth, TD. 1438 Fernwood Drive, Grafton, ND 58237. 701-352-0352.

1997 North Dakota Closed-Saturday-Sunday May 17-18th, 1997 at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. Details in future issue.

1997 ND Scholastic-???????-No Site has been found as of this newsletter. Ron Schauer and Dave Koch are working on obtaining a suitable site. Hopefully we have a date by the next newsletter.

North Dakota's own Louis Statham

by John S. Leitel

What's that you say? You say everyone knows that Louis Statham wasn't from North Dakota but was rather a longtime resident of Lone Pine, California? And your right, of course. The late Mr. Statham put Lone Pine on the chess map until his death not long ago by putting up large cash prizes to induce leading players from all over the world to come to the tiny town for an annual tournament.

Statham had little or nothing to do with North Dakota that I know of, but a chess fan in this state did follow Statham's formula: if there's no topflight chess to play or to watch in your town, then put up the dough and create some!

That was what George C. Hoenck, a Fargo furrier, did back in the 1930's. As there was little organized chess in this state during those depression years, Hoenck invited the cities of Minneapolis and Winnipeg to meet at the midway point of Fargo for an annual team match. He made arrangements for the teams to play and stay at the Gardner Hotel and also donated a cup to the winning team. The first match was held in May of 1935, and Fargo also hosted the event each of the two following years. When plans were being formulated for the 1938 match, it was decided that Fargo had had athe burden long enough and so Detroit Lakes was chosen to take over. That city then hosted the match for many years, with Bemidji and Moorhead being other sites in more recent times. The match, now expanded in name to Minnesota vs. Manitoba, has never been held in North Dakota since 1937, but this is where it was born through the efforts of Mr. Hoenck. Unfortunately he was reported to have been hurt by the decision to award the 1938 meeting to Detroit lakes and dropped out of organized chess after that. So being a chess entrepreneur does have its vulnerabilities, but North Dakota could use some in the mold of Hoenck or Statham. Anyone with money to spare might help bring chess of this caliber to the state. A game from the 1937 match is below:

I.J. Dreman (Winnipeg) vs. Jacob Harris (Minneapolis) team match, Fargo, 1937

1. P-Q4 N-KB3; 2. P-QB4 P-K3; 3. N-Kb3 P-Q4; 4. N-B3 P-B3; 5. B-N5 P-Kr3; 6. B-R4 PxP; 7. P-K3 P QN4; 8. P-QR4 B-N5; 9: B-K2? P-KN4; 10. B-N3 N-Q4; 11. Q-B2 Q-R4; 12. K-Q2 Q-N3; 13. N-K5 P-KR4; 14. N-B3 P-N5; 15. N-N5 N-Q2; 16. N-K4 P-R5; 17. B-Q6 P-KB4; 18.BxB NxB; 19. N-Q6+ K-K2; 20. NxB+ KRxN; 21. Q-N1 N-B3; 22. R-QB1 P-QR3; 23. P-QN3 N/5-Q4; 24.NxN BPxN; 25. RPxP RPxP; 26. P-KB3 Q-Q3; 27. PxQBP RxR; 28. QxR QNPxP; 29. R-QN1 QxP; 30. R-N7+ N-Q2; 31. P-B4 P-B6+; 32. K-Q3 QxNP; 33. RxN+ KxR; 34. Resigns, as there is no perpetual check.

(this article was originally printed in an NDCA Newletter in I believe 1985)

The "Capablanca Deviation"

Jose Raul Capablanca (1888-1942) was a Cuban chess master who suggested, starting in 1925, certain changes to the game primarily to make it less "bookish" and less likely for play to end in draws. He published an interview/article in 1929 (discussed in the book "Capablanca" by Edward Winter) an excerpt from which is presented below. He states that his objective is

...to introduce in the game new forces which would necessarily throw the players on to their own resources, and give much greater scope to the imagination and to the creative power of the individual player.
My own suggestions involve the introduction of new pieces upon the board: the Chancellor, combining the moves of the bishop and knight ; and the Marshall combining the moves of the rook and the knight. this means to say that the Chancellor may be used either as a bishop or a knight for any move according to the will of the player, while the Marshall in the same way can be sued as a rook or a knight. The introduction of the two pieces would of course mean a (larger) board and two extra pieces on each side. But it would not entail any alteration of the rules.

The great advantage which this proposal has...is that it infinitely increases the chances of sacrificial combinations; that it tremendously multiplies the few mysteries left in chess...thus making the game once more ...a pastime in which there is always something to be learned and in which not memory only but foresight, imagination, resourcefulness are in constant demand.

To accommodate the two new pieces a board would have to have 10 columns but would still only need 8 rows. Bill Angel has adapted the GNU chess program to play the Capablanca Deviation.

I think that although most of the chess players I know have enough trouble with the many moves of a standard chessboard, the Capablanca Deviation could be an interesting game to try. I don't know if there are any commercial pieces available but it shouldn't be to hard to scare up a piece that would be useable. A board could be made using parts from 2 paper boards. Let me know if anyone tries to play the Capablanca Deviation.

****HELP***

If your membership has expired please renew and save the NDCA the expense of sending you a renewal notice. Also, if you have something such as an article on chess, a great game we could publish, or chess club events you have held or will be holding send them in and I will try to fit them into future newsletters. (A good example of suitable material was the poem that Ronn Mindeman sent that one of his chess players had written)

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NORTH DAKOTA'S TOP 25 PLAYERS

as of October 1, 1996

1:	2293	Thompson, Peter
2:	2208	Sailer, Mike
3:	2078	Triggs, Jerry
4:	1967	Schauer, Ronald
5:	1929	Berger, Clifford
6:	1918	Lommen, David Paul
7:	1914	Eik, Steven R.
8:	1906	Budz, George Brian
9:	1906	Case, Rick
10:	1849	Williams, Darwin D.
11:	1827	Langton, Brian W.
12:	1814	Thompson, Brian E.
13:	1800	Lindseth, David O.
14:	1777	Starr, Cameron
15:	1775	Herr, Richard E.
16:	1767	Askvig, Brent A.
17:	1762	Spiess, Robert James
18:	1728	Engevik, Johan C.
19:	1703	Jorgensen, Jon
20:	1701	Lindseth, Chris
21:	1652	Johnson, Marvin L.
22:	1650	Hale, James A.
23:	1635	Feldmann, Lee
24:	1635	Lengenfelder, Steve
25:	1632	Goplen, Arman D.

This list was downloaded off the Internet. I have noticed that some of the players on the list which listed over 100 USCF players no longer live in North Dakota.

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